

has reported that there is no large scale illegal felling of trees in the Rajaji National Park. However some cases of illegal tree felling are detected from time to time and suitable action is taken in such cases under law.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Prices of Foodgrains

2698. SHRI P.C. THOMAS

SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO

SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY

SHRI UTTAM SINGH PAWAR

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state .

(a) whether the Government have increased the Central Issue Prices of foodgrains under Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether his attention has been invited to the newscast captioned "Prices of wheat by-products may soar under revamped PDS", appearing in "The Financial Express", New Delhi, dated November 10, 1996.

(d) if so, the facts thereof;

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the steps being taken to ensure that the hike in Central Issue Prices (CIPs) for PDS foodgrains does not cause rise in the open market prices thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV)

(a) No, Sir. The Central Issue Prices of wheat and rice have not been increased after 1.2.1994

(b) Does not arise

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f). The rise in open market prices of foodgrains depends on market demands availability of foodgrains in the market and consumer preferences. Hence, an increase in CIP of foodgrains meant for PDS/RPDS cannot completely and directly relate with the rise in open market prices of foodgrains.

A constant watch is kept on the production levels and stocks of foodgrains and efforts are made to have sufficient stocks of foodgrains in Central Pool to ensure adequate availability of foodgrains. Open sale of wheat and rice is undertaken to curb the inflationary trend in the market. The Govt., has, however, not yet taken a final decision on the proposal for streamlining the PDS.

[Translation]

Welfare Projects

2699. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some welfare projects of Gujarat State particularly relating to tribal and backward areas are lying pending or under consideration with the Union Government for the sanction of funds at present;

(b) if so, the project-wise details thereof and the date from which these projects are lying pending with the Union Government;

(c) the reasons for the delay, if any;

(d) the project wise estimated cost thereof; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (e). No tribal welfare projects from the Government of Gujarat are pending with the Ministry of Welfare. However, information from other Ministries/Departments is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House on receipt.

[English]

Guidelines to SPCBa

2700. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Central Government have directed State Pollution Control Boards to take punitive action against the industrial units flouting environmental norms and effectively enforce the pollution control measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several State Governments are not following the directives of the Central Government and have failed to take any effective measures; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government if the State Governments failed to take any action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (d). No specific directions were issued by the Central Government to the State Pollution Control Boards to take punitive action against the industrial units violating environmental norms. However, the Central and State Pollution Control Boards are actively monitoring the progress of implementation of installation of adequate pollution control facilities in 1551 units identified as highly polluting industries under the 17 categories. Out of 1551 units identified among the 17 categories for pollution control, 1259 units have provided requisite pollution control facilities and 112

units are closed. The 180 defaulting units which were not having requisite pollution control devices have been served with show-cause notices.

Unprovoked Firing on Border

2701. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA :

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pak-troops were indulging in firing on the BSF posts and villagers along the International Border in Jammu areas

(b) if so, the number of firing incidents which took place during the current year;

(c) the loss of property and the compensation paid to the affected families during the said period;

(d) the number of the BSF personnel who killed and injured during the said period due to unprovoked firing across the border;

(e) whether the Pak-firing is causing great inconvenience to farmers in working in their fields in the border villages, and

(f) if so, the steps taken to ensure security of the civilians residing in the border areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) There have been 617 incidents of firing by Pak troops on Jammu border during 1996

(c) As reported by BSF, there has been no significant loss of property due to firing on Jammu border during current year. The kins of civilians killed due to firing have been/are being paid ex-gratia relief of rupees one lakh. Those injured are being paid Rs. 500/- to Rs. 25000/- depending on grievousness of the injury.

(d) The details of BSF personnel and civilians killed/injured due to unprovoked firing by Pak troops during 1996 are as under :

	Killed	Injured
BSF personnel.	-	7
Civilians	4	7

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The unprovoked firing of pak troops is being promptly retaliated by BSF. Also after a Sector level flag meeting between BSF and Pak Rangers on 11th Nov., 1996, it was mutually agreed to stop firing so that farmers could cultivate their land along border area of Jammu. The situation is now peaceful.

Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan

2702. SHRI DINSHA PATEL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of flow of funds under the Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) in Gujarat during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) whether the flow of funds to SCP and TSP are in commensuration with the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes population in the State; and

(c) if not, the corrective measures taken by the Government to ensure the same?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Details of the outlays under the Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) in Gujarat during the Eighth Plan period, as indicated by the State Government, are given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government of Gujarat have been repeatedly addressed with regard to the need to ensure that the proportion of Plan outlays provided for SCP and TSP is at least equivalent to the proportion of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, respectively, in the State's total population.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	SCP	TSP
1992-93	71.34	192.47
1993-94	80.43	217.77
1994-95	78.07	237.75
1995-96	97.19	308.76

Details of outlays for 1996-97 are yet to be received/finalised

Winter Birds

2703. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study is being conducted on the winter birds at Bharatpur this year;

(b) whether any changes by way of the diminishing number and type of birds have been recorded; and

(c) if so, the causes for such diversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) The Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) is carrying out studies on various birds